

## Macbeth - Shakespeare for Young People Series

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Edition - 2nd

Grade Level  
Fourth Grade  
Fifth Grade  
Sixth Grade  
Seventh Grade  
Eighth Grade

Readability Level 5

Course / Content  
Language Arts  
Literature  
Reading

List Price: 0

Wholesale Price 0

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Content The Shakespeare for Young People edition of Macbeth is a script that has been abridged to be performed in forty minutes.

Student Experiences Shakespeare for Young People enables students to enjoy the great plays of Shakespeare in the original language. Students enjoy the stories and poetry in the plays by reading them aloud or by acting them out.

Assessment The Shakespeare for Young People edition of Macbeth has been endorsed by Peggy O'Brien, Director, Teaching Shakespeare, Folger Shakespeare Library. She stated that this series provides, "The most historically accurate and best way to begin Shakespeare."

Organization The abridged play is preceded by an introduction to the teacher in which guidelines are offered for instruction and performance. This is followed by special notes on this play. The play is organized according to the same Act and scene structure that appears in standard Shakespeare editions.

Resource Materials NR

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions NR

Available Ancillary Materials NR

### Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available not available

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### Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Textbook/Instructional Materials Review Team completed each evaluation form during summer of 2005. In order to maintain the integrity of the review team's comments, editing was limited to spelling and punctuation.

Recommendations: It is an adapted and simplified version of a Shakespeare play. It is what a teacher would use to perform a play with middle level students, or to give a basic introduction to the stories of Shakespeare's plays. Hamlet was reviewed and also is available.

### Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	
II.	Reading Content Summary	1.4000000000000001
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IX.	Audience : Student Materials Content Summary The script is easily read and simple for students to understand the story No additional teaching opportunites are provided.	0.38
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### READING CONTENT

Script reading.; also includes pages on staging the play, but written to parents or teachers just the script is given  
announcers added to script to help  
It's a script  
Text has been simplified and shortened for middle level students to be able to perform  
Obviously students will need to read and understand the script to be able to perform it, but no intentional reading strategies are included.

### WRITING CONTENT

### GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

### LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

THE PERFORMANCE WILL ALLOW FOR STUDENTS TO ANALYZE, BUT NO INTENTIONAL LESSONS ARE INCLUDED.  
IT'S A SCRIPT

### INQUIRY

### TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

### AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

STAGING SUGGESTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR THE SCRIPT  
IT'S A SCRIPT  
ALTHOUGH THE STAGING DIRECTIONS ARE ADDRESSED TO THE TEACHER AT THE START OF THE BOOK, THERE ARE NO OTHER TEACHER GUIDES OR TEACHING STRATEGIES.

### AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

IT IS A SCRIPT

THE STORY HAS BEEN ABRIDGED AND SHORTENED TO APPEAL TO MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENTS  
THIS IS SIMPLY THE TEXT OF THE SCRIPT WITH A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR STAGING.

### **FORMAT**

SOME SIMPLE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE GIVEN

SIMPLISTIC DRAWINGS DON'T REALLY REFLECT ANY PARTICULAR ETHNICITY  
PAPERBACK VERSIONS

### **ANCILLARY MATERIALS**

THERE ARE NO SEPARATE TEACHER MATERIALS AVAILABLE.